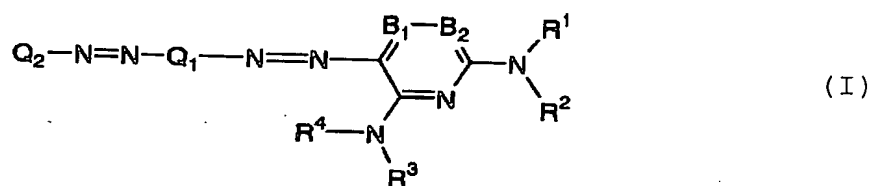


### ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an optical information-recording medium capable of recording and reproducing information with laser beams and having excellent recording characteristics, the optical information-recording medium comprising a support and a recording layer capable of recording information by laser beam exposure, wherein the recording layer contains a dye represented by the following formula (I):



wherein  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  represent  $=CR^5-$  and  $-CR^6=$  respectively, or one of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  represents a nitrogen atom and the other represents  $=CR^5-$  or  $-CR^6=$ ;  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a substituent;  $Q_1$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted arylene group, or a substituted or unsubstituted divalent heterocyclic group; and  $Q_2$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group.